

House Resolution 1571

By: Representative Powell of the 29th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of the Honorable Selma Parris Cheely; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of the Honorable Selma Parris Cheely on November 19, 2009; and

4 WHEREAS, Chief Magistrate Cheely was a beloved daughter of the late Leroy Crawford and
5 Birdie Black Crawford and a graduate of John Marshall Law School, where she served as
6 class president; and

7 WHEREAS, she diligently and conscientiously devoted her time, talents, and energy for 14
8 years to the people of Hart County and the legal field, serving as Chief Magistrate and as a
9 member of the executive committee representing the Ninth District of the Council of
10 Magistrate Judges; and

11 WHEREAS, Chief Magistrate Cheely was known as a clear thinker and hard worker, as a
12 woman whose strong convictions were supported by meticulous research and careful
13 consideration, and as an equitable, impartial leader whose decisions were governed by the
14 rules of honesty and fair play; and

15 WHEREAS, she founded and served the Northeast Georgia Coalition on Domestic Violence
16 in Hart County and worked closely with the local school system to educate youth about the
17 judicial system; and

18 WHEREAS, Chief Magistrate Cheely was blessed with four remarkable sons, Ronald, Mike,
19 Doug, and Steve, and six wonderful grandchildren, Amie, McKenzie, Dusty, Dan, Stephen,
20 and Leslie; and

21 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern
22 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to
23 her family and friends was admired by others; and

24 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
25 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example she made of her life,
26 she made this world a better place in which to live; and

27 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Chief Magistrate Cheely will long be
28 remembered for her love of family and friendship, and this loyal mother, sister, grandmother,
29 and friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing her.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of the Honorable Selma
32 Parris Cheely and express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of the Honorable
35 Selma Parris Cheely.